

# Sturton le Steeple Parish Council

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Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017  
at 7.30pm in Sturton Hall.

**Present:** Cllr Howard (Chair), Cllrs P Appleyard, A Bradley, P Neal, M Hodgeson, B Marchant

**Also present:** Clerk S Stilliard

**Sturton Parish Residents:** None

**Guests:** DCllr Hugh Burton

## **PUBLIC FORUM:**

No members of the public present

## **District & County Councillor reports –**

Nothing to report due to preparations for the election. DCllr Burton said that he is always available to take up issues on the Council or resident's behalf – just call him if anything needs his attention.

## **PLANNING MEETING:**

**Declarations of Interest.** None at this stage

**New Applications –** none

**Applications awaiting decision -** none

## **Decisions –**

[Demolish Existing Building and Erect Two Storey Dwelling with Cellar and Erect Detached Single Storey Garage \(Resubmission of P.A. 16/00442/FUL\)](#) Telephone Exchange Cross Street Sturton Le Steeple Nottinghamshire Ref. No: 17/00040/RSB | Received: Tue 10 Jan 2017 | Validated: Thu 12 Jan 2017 | Status: **Refused**

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

### **06.17.01. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from PCSO Dave Airey which were accepted by the PC

### **06.17.02. Comments from the Chair – Agenda changes.**

None

### **06.17.03. Declarations of Interest and Confidentiality**

No declarations at this stage.

### **06.17.04. Police report**

PCSO Dave Airey sent his report via the Clerk - there were no crimes reported in Sturton during May. This year, from 01/04/2017, there have been 9 crimes of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with 21 reported in the same period last year.

Thefts of lead from residential properties are still quite prevalent in the Retford and thefts from gardens have shown an increase in the last month from rural village properties. Items being targeted are ornamental plant pots and topiary trees and bushes.

In the last month, there have been Police speed gun operations at South Wheatley, Sturton le Steeple, North Leverton ( Sturton Road and Main Street), Misterton (Gringley Road and Station Road), and Tiln Lane and Spital Hill at Retford. In total, fifteen tickets were given out and a number of vehicles were stopped and warned. One car was seized for driving licence irregularities. Villagers, and some Parish Councillors, approached and thanked the officers at most of the sites. They were all asking for this to happen more often and the team were very happy to say that it would.

This month there have been 4 reported incidents of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area compared with 11 reported incidents for April and 8 reported for the same month in 2016. The anti-social behaviour umbrella covers a wide range of incident types including hoax calls to the emergency services, found/ abandoned vehicles and wildlife/ animal issues. At the time of preparing this report, it is encouraging to report that there have been no incidents of youth related anti-social behaviour reported in the holiday period. This is good news for residents and young persons should be thanked for their behaviour in this period.

During holiday periods there is an increase in the number of children out playing both during the daytime and in the evenings. Might I ask that road users please take extra care, not only on main roads but also in built up residential areas and around play park areas?

Presently, there is a phone scam from bogus customs officials circulating. Please do not be duped by the ruse which has been reported several times in the last few weeks. The telephone call states that money is owed to the Inland Revenue, as a pension had not been taxed correctly. Personal details were known and a reference number was given. When questions were asked by the receiving person, the caller threatened Police action. HMRC would not contact you via telephone regarding money owed. This is a phishing call. Please contact HMRC on the below link if you have any enquiries:

<https://www.gov.uk/contact-hmrc>

Dave's full report can be seen on-line and in the next edition of the Clays Contact magazine.

**Dave asks that residents please continue to report ALL suspicious persons, vehicles and activity to the control room on 101. Where a crime is in progress, or has just occurred, please continue to use the 999 number. Calls of this nature do make a difference in helping to drive crime figures lower.**

**Confirmation of the Police contact numbers are as follows: - Notts Police – Non-Urgent – 101. Notts Police Urgent – 999. Mobile numbers for other non-urgent matters: PCSO Dave Airey – 07525 226838; PC Bill Bailey - 07910 336844. Email addresses are as follows: [bill.bailey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:bill.bailey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk) and [dave.airey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:dave.airey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk)**

#### **06.17.05. Traffic Speeding / Calming Issues**

##### **06.17.05.1. Trentside Traffic Calming Group**

There was a meeting of the Traffic Calming Group (6 parishes in total involved) on 18<sup>th</sup> May to look again at the scheme in detail and discuss proposals. The proposal is to invest in Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs which will both flash speeds at motorists and will collect data (downloaded to tablet via Bluetooth) which it is hoped will persuade Notts CC / the Police to take more action. The interactive signs will be attached to street lamps and are movable so locations can change. They cost circa £3k each. Suggested that funding be sought from EDF / Tarmac and Rampton Hospital towards the cost. **Action Clerk to approach these organisations**

#### **06.17.06. The Lengthsman Scheme.**

Cllr Bradley reported that Jack is spending about 5 hours per week in the summer keeping the village tidy and is happy to use his initiative. If specific jobs need doing he will be informed. He has tried to tidy the Willow Arch in the playpark but feels that it is past repairing. **Action Cllr Appleyard to ask Thelma to look at it and report back**

The area around the bottle bank is very untidy - **Action Cllr Bradley to ask Jack to clear as best he can**

There are lots of weeds around the village hall and playing field. **Action Cllr Bradley to attend to these**

#### **06.17.07. Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

The minutes were approved by Council and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record of proceedings

#### **06.17.8. Matters Arising – Non-agenda items.**

The planning application at the Power Station was for a diesel generator to be used in peak times. It will not affect the village and no action is required.

The Clerk confirmed that letters were sent to the residents on Retford Road whose hedges were blocking the footpath and the trench outside Diogenes has been filled in along with more potholes in North Street.

#### **06.17.9. Correspondence.**

There were 3 items of correspondence:

Facts about the Parish report – **Action Clerk to keep on file**

Update from National Grid – no action required

Merchant Navy Day letter - no action required

#### **06.17.10. Emergency Planning – Cllr Marchant**

Nothing to report

#### **06.17.11. Highways and Public Safety**

##### **06.17.11.1. Street Lights and Pot Holes.**

More of the small potholes in North Street have been repaired

The very smooth tarmac surface outside the Church and path outside the Reindeer pub have been reported

**Action Clerk to chase**

##### **06.17.11.2. Byways / footpaths**

Cllr Marchant noted that the bridge abutments over the catchwater drain footpath had not been completely removed by Tarmac and the path has a red clay like substance which is very sticky when wet. **Action Cllr**

**Marchant to speak with Laura Summers and ask whose responsibility it is to keep footpaths clear**

##### **06.17.11.3. Other Issues / Matters to Report.**

A resident asked that people with dogs to please not walk around field margins. They are maintained as environmental strips for nesting birds and other wildlife and are not for walking on.

#### **06.17.12. Heritage Projects / Segelocum**

A lunch meeting of all stakeholders is planned for July 5<sup>th</sup> at Sturton Village Hall to present the findings so far and discuss the second phase of the project which may require more significant digging if permission is given by land owners and farmers whose land will be involved.

Further information can be found on the Sturton Ward website at

<http://www.sturtonward.org.uk/segelocum-archaeology-project/>

#### **06.17.13. Finance**

##### **06.17.13.1. Monthly Bank Reconciliation.**

The monthly bank reconciliation to the 28<sup>th</sup> May 2017 was agreed and signed off by the Chair.

##### **06.17.13.2. Accounts for Payment.**

The following amounts were agreed – for previous month unless stated:

S A Stilliard – Net salary and expenses	£ 301.70
VIA East Midlands – speed limit sign relocation /new sign	£3,858.00
J Foster – Lengthsman work	£ 172.50
Steve Rockcliffe – IT services	£ 16.00
Holmes Groundcare – playing field grass cut x 2	£ 298.00
Holmes Groundcare – Churchyard and field cut x 2	£ 237.5

##### **06.17.13.3. Approval of Council's Annual Accounting Statement**

The Clerk listed the figures on the Annual Accounting Statement for the external audit and it was agreed that these were correct for 2016/7 and signed off by the Chair. **Action Clerk to submit to Grant Thornton**

#### **06.17.14. Reports from Other Committees**

##### **06.17.14.1. Playing Field – Cllr Hodgeson.**

The grass on the playing field and in some other areas has been getting very long and possibly needs cutting more than twice a month. **Action Councillors to contact the Clerk if this is the case**  
Holmes Groundcare also to be reminded of the areas of grass which they are expected to cut namely the Playing Field; Churchyard; corners at North Street and Gainsborough Road and any other grass within the 30 MPH limit that is not maintained by owners. **Action Clerk**

The island in the pond near the playing field is looking very messy but it was agreed to leave it for now as a haven for wildlife

Application for a Landfill Tax grant available via Tarmac to be used to renew the old Playground equipment in the playing field is in the post and needs to be submitted by end of August for consideration in September. **Action Cllr Howard and Clerk**

##### **06.17.14.2. Sturton Hall Management Committee**

Village Hall signs have now been delivered **Action Cllr Appleyard to put them up**

The flat roof of the Hall and solar panels need to be checked for damage **Action Cllr Howard & Cllr Appleyard**

#### **05.17.15. Sturton Quarry**

##### **05.17.15.1 Update – Cllr Appleyard**

Tarmac has recently resurfaced the Gainsborough Road junction

A meeting with Tarmac to be arranged **Action Clerk with new Tarmac contact**

#### **06.17.17. Village Update**

##### **06.17.17.1. Monthly Defibrillator Check**

The defibrillator is being checked monthly by Cllr Appleyard

##### **06.17.17.2. Pilgrim Fathers 2020 events**

Cllr Neal visited The Hub in Retford where there is a museum area and information about the Pilgrim Fathers. Cllr Neal suggested that a room in the Reindeer Pub could also be used for this type of material since John Robinson came from Sturton. **Action Clerk to forward Cllr Neal sources of funding from NALC**

Nearer the time brown tourist signs may be appropriate for the village. **Action Cllr Howard to send details of the upcoming History Meeting to Cllr Neal**

##### **06.17.17.3. Parish Councillor vacancies**

One vacancy has been advertised on the web site and the second vacancy can now also be advertised since no by election has been requested by residents following the last set of Casual Vacancy notices. **Action Cllr Howard to put the vacancies in the Clays Contact and send a flyer to the school.**

Sadly Leanne Lodge has also decided to resign following the birth of her twins. The Parish Council wished her well for the future.

**Action Clerk to send for another set of Casual Vacancy notices**

##### **06.17.17.4. Update to web site information on budget for 2017/8**

Clerk had prepared draft text for approval by Council. **Action all Councillors to send their comments to the Clerk for final approval and publication**

06.17.17.5. Other matters to report

None

**06.17.18. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7.30 pm

Remaining meeting dates for 2017 are:-

**September 5<sup>th</sup> / October 3<sup>rd</sup> / November 7<sup>th</sup> / December 5<sup>th</sup>**

Sara Stilliard – Clerk, tel. 881582

NB. Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting

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